

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated microorganism of the strain, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GM-020, deposited at the China Center for Type Culture Collection under CCTCC No.: CCTCC M 203098.
2. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a suspension of the isolated microorganism ~~strain~~ according to Claim 1.
3. (Currently amended) A method for treating obesity ~~and or~~ a complication thereof in a subject comprising administering said subject with a composition comprising the isolated microorganism according to Claim 1.
4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the composition further comprises *Auricularia polytricha*.
5. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease.
6. (Original) A method for treating obesity and a complication thereof in a subject comprising administering said subject with a composition comprising the strain according to Claim 1 and *Auricularia polytricha*.
7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, fatty liver, and diabetes mellitus.
8. (Original) A composition according to claim 2, which is used for treating obesity and a complication thereof.
9. (Original) The composition according to Claim 8 further comprising *Auricularia polytricha*.
10. (Original) The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis and coronary heart

disease.

11. **(Currently amended)** A composition for treating obesity and a complication thereof in a subject comprising the isolated microorganism strain according to Claim 1 and *Auricularia polytricha*.

12. **(Currently amended)** The ~~method~~ composition according to Claim 11, wherein the complication is selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, fatty liver, and diabetes mellitus.